

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

It is respectfully requested that this Second Preliminary Amendment be substituted for the (first) Preliminary Amendment filed with the application on September 16, 2005. In the first Preliminary Amendment, the original filed international claims were amended to remove multiple dependencies and to remove certain specifically preferred or optional embodiments of the invention, which embodiments were then included in several new dependent claims.

After the filing of the application with the (first) Preliminary Amendment on September 16, 2005, however, applicant's U.S. counsel was notified that the original international claims had been amended during international prosecution, as indicated in an International Preliminary Examination Report ("IPER") dated September 15, 2005. A copy of the IPER is being submitted with this Amendment to Mail Stop PCT. The claims as amended in the IPER were not the same as those amended in the (first) Preliminary Amendment.

The office is thus requested, as indicated above, to substitute this Second Preliminary Amendment for the Amendment filed with the application. To avoid confusion, the IPER claims (nos. 1-25) have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and replaced by the new claims numbered 26-62. No new matter is included in the new claims and it is therefore respectfully requested that they be entered.

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